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DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII – Commander Robert B. Turner, Supply Corps, United States Navy, will relinquish command of the Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, (DDPH) to Commander Joseph M. Vitelli, Supply Corps, United States Navy, in an official ceremony on Friday, July 16, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Officiating at the ceremony will be Brigadier General Kathleen M. Gainey, United States Army, Commander, Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Cmdr. Turner has been DDPH's Commander since July 2001. Turner will report to the Army Logistics Management Command, Ft. Lee, Virginia for his next assignment.

Cmdr. Vitelli comes to DDPH after having served as the Business Financial Manager for the Joint Air to Air Missile Program Office, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland. He also served one year as the Lead Business Financial Manager on the Program Executive Officer Tactical Staff.

Vitelli, a native of Roslyn, Pennsylvania graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics.

Following graduation from Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia he reported to the Pre-Commissioning Detachment RUSHMORE (LSD 47). He later commissioned USS RUSHMORE and served as her Disbursing and Sales Officer. While on board he participated in OPERATION RESTORE HOPE in Somalia.

In 1993, Vitelli reported to the Naval Regional Contracting Center, Philadelphia where he completed the Navy Acquisition Contracting Officer Internship. He then reported to the USS MAINE (SSBN 741), a TRIDENT Ballistic Missile Submarine, as the Supply Officer. The MAINE earned the Battle E and the Blue E while Vitelli was on board. His next tour was at the Naval Inventory Control Point in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania where he was the Weapon System Officer for Submarine Support.

In 1999, Vitelli attended the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey where he earned a Masters of Science Degree in Management with a specialty in Financial Management.

Located at the gateway to the Pacific, DDPH joined the DDC network on April 7, 1999. DDPH provides physical distribution support for ships and major industrial/shore commands, as well as transiting battle groups.

DDPH contains the largest preservation and packing facility on the island, providing support to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, as well as other Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Army activities. Large items such as ship propellers, periscopes, gears and shafts are specially packed and crated for storage or shipment by the DDPH professionals.

In addition to the Physical Distribution function, DDPH provides Distribution Standard System and Inventory Accuracy support for partner sites located at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard/Intermediate Maintenance Facility, the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, located in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and for the Commander, Naval Activities Marianas in Guam.

Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Penn., is the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for Distribution. DLA provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.

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